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Corps of Engineers to assist hurricane victims

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Charleston, S.C. -- The Charleston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, providing emergency support to areas affected by Hurricane Ivan.

Assigned with the ice mission, the District's basic ice team, comprised of five employees,, was deployed to Alabama to provide assistance as assigned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The group will help by procuring critical supplies of ice for those in need.

In addition, five Charleston District employees will work at the Emergency Response Recovery Office to support FEMA in their hurricane recovery efforts.

More than 800 Corps personnel, including three Charleston District team members, are still deployed in Florida in support of the Hurricanes Charley and Frances recovery missions.

When a major disaster occurs anywhere in the United States, the Corps of Engineers becomes one of the agencies called upon to help clean up and restore devastated areas.

Under the National Response Plan, the Corps is the primary agency for the Emergency Support Function (ESF#3) Public Works and Engineering. The Corps' main roles under the plan include emergency clearance of debris, emergency power restoration, temporary supply of potable water and ice, temporary restoration of water-supply systems, temporary roofing, temporary housing, structural evaluation of buildings, damage assessment, and technical assistance.